

Scott is Lent \$150,000 for Va. TV Blitz

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J. D. Stetson Coleman, a wealthy Republican fund raiser from The Plains, Va., has lent \$150,000 to help finance a television and radio campaign blitz for the Virginia GOP senatorial candidate, Rep. William L. Scott.

The loan is disclosed in financial statements filed in Washington and Richmond under the new federal campaign financing disclosure law.

The money was made available to the newly organized Virginians for Scott Committee, which was set up earlier this month to collect money for Scott's media campaign against Sen. William B. Spong (D-Va.).

According to Hugh Mulligan of Alexandria, treasurer of the committee, it has received no contributions so far to pay off the loan. But he said he understands that "contributions are being collected" and promises have been made.

Coleman was unavailable for comment.

Coleman, 68, is a director or officer of a number of large corporations, including the

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Fannie May Candy Co. and Pennzoil United, Inc., and has a financial interest in other concerns, including the Los Angeles Rams football team and Los Angeles Angels baseball team.

He has been a prominent fund raiser for national Republican campaigns and for conservative candidates on the state and local levels. He was finance chairman for Gov. Linwood Holton's 1969 campaign until he resigned in disagreement with some of Holton's more liberal policies.

Mulligan said Coleman agreed to lend the \$150,000 for Scott's radio and television effort after surveys were taken around the state indicating that Scott, as Mulligan put it, "has an excellent opportunity to win the seat."

Although Scott has said a professional poll was taken,

Mulligan said he understood it was just "a series of surveys around the state."

Scott also said the poll prompted contributions sufficient to cover the cost of his radio and television commitments, which amount to \$100,000 thus far. But Mulligan said the only contribution, outside of the Coleman loan, was \$12,000 from the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee. Sen. Spong plans to spend \$38,000 on television advertising.

The Coleman loan was channeled through the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Sources said this was done because Coleman made the loan late on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 5, when banks were closing for the weekend. Because the new federal law requires a special campaign account for campaign funds and because Scott aides

wanted to use the money for buying TV time over the weekend, it was deposited with the GOP Senatorial Campaign Committee and later transferred to an account set up for Virginians for Scott, they said.

Mulligan said he could not say with certainty whether enough money would be raised before the Nov. 7 election to pay off the loan. Scott has said he is running a self-supporting campaign. Mulligan noted that the Virginians for Scott Committee is a separate operation.

Meanwhile, Spong's statement showed contributions since Sept. 1 of about \$96,000—for a total of \$216,000 so far. He reported that he has spent all but \$6,000 of the total.

The report of Scott's own campaign committee has not yet been made public.